

## "ARMS AND THE MAN" NEW THEATER TONIGHT

Will Be Presented by the University of North Carolina Dramatic Club. The Prices Are 25c, 50c and 75c. A Rich Treat is in Store For Those Who Attend.

This famous comedy which is to be presented by the University of North Carolina Dramatic Club at the New Theatre tonight, has been the subject of a great deal of favorable criticism. In referring to it the New York Herald says:

It is essentially an entertainment for dramatic spectators, for people who are satiated with plots, unexcited with climaxes, disgusted with farcical fun, and who visit the playhouse only when something is offered that can make them forget. Of such material is "Arms and the Man." We care not a rap for the ten-story which Mr. Shaw has to tell us. Neither does Mr. Shaw. His sole object is to cause the clever, cynical portion of his audience and to irritate as much as he can the good-goody outlooker. In both instances he succeeded admirably. But even the cynic occasionally joins the cynics in guffa of laughter, especially in the third act, so that on the whole the tragic novelty may be said to have achieved something more than mere success with which it met in London.

In "Arms and the Man" the author satirizes the army after the fashion of Gilbert. To him only, the coward is the hero and the great tactician, while the man who plunges foremost into the battle and endeavors to do all sorts of valiant

things, is nothing more than dangerous idiot. The idea is carried through from end to end with remarkable ease, nearly tempted to say viciously, and the author's nestness of workmanship forsaken him not even when you think he must come to the end of the joke. He seems, moreover, to have gone to the pains really making himself acquainted with Bulgarian men and manners, which clearly proves that in spite of much flippancy he is not all lacking in seriousness.

Those who were fortunate enough to see the play last year will remember the remarkable work of Messrs. Cogan, Weeks and Kerr. The Dramatic Club is very fortunate in having those men in the cast again this year, and there can be no doubt that they will uphold the high standard that the club has set for itself in the last few years.

The new men have shown remarkable power also, so much in fact that the club may rightly claim an all-star cast. Mr. H. V. Johnson, of Charlotte, is playing Nicola; Mr. J. L. Harris, of Raleigh, the Russian officer; Mr. C. D. Webb, of Asheville, Louka; Mr. E. L. Applewhite, of Wilson, Sergius; Mr. Meredith, of New Bern, Raina.

Tickets on sale at Worthy & Etheridge's drug store. Admission 25, 50 and 75 cents.

## POLLY OF THE CIRCUS WAS GREAT HIT

"Polly of the Circus," a play which has more genuine merit than dozens which are fair more pretentious, and which is full of lessons for those who will heed them, was the attraction at the New Theatre last night.

"Polly of the Circus" is different from the average drama because it endeavors to solve no problems and makes no claim to teaching morality or anything else. It is simply a pure, wholesome, enjoyable story of real life, with its little touches of pathos and its touches of humor, a story which shows that real good may exist and does exist most everywhere and is not copyrighted by some narrow-minded individual who makes religion a living horror.

Elise St. Leon is the Polly of the piece, and Miss St. Leon is unquestionably clever and well adapted to the part. She is not only a decidedly clever little actor, but she is a rider of ability and a member of the famous St. Leon family which have been noted riders for years.

Scott Moore is the Rev. John Douglass of the piece, and Mr. Moore makes an excellent minister, who is a man as well as a minister. C. Gouraud is the Big Jim, a boss campaigner of the piece. He is an excellent type of whole-souled hard-fisted showman. John C. Sanders is excellent as Deacon Strong and William Mowry is the Deacon Elverson. Edna Sanders does a splendid piece of work as Mandy Jones, the housekeeper for the minister, and George Walker is excellent as Hasty Jones, a colored servant and husband of Mandy. Though he has but little to do, M. Wood does splendid work for a child in the part of Willie Willoughby. The remainder of the company is large and the members thoroughly capable.

There is a wealth of excellent scenery in the piece, much of which has to do with a tent show. The audience gets a better insight into a circus and the kind of people who travel with the show than they would in any other way. One scene shows the interior of the main tent with an excellent circus performance in progress, and there is some excellent horseback riding and acrobatic work. Naturally this proves an interesting feature.

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## SUCCESS IS AGAIN FOR THE KAISER

London, Dec. 9.—The great battle for possession of Poland continues. The front extends along three hundred miles and victory over a part of it, at least, appears to have fallen to the Germans, while the Russians are pressing on Cracow in the south.

That Lodz is in the possession of the Germans seems undoubted and a Russian official report just issued apparently is preparing the public for the news by referring to the difficulty of defending the city, which gives to the Russian front an abnormal contour, and forecasts a reforming of the line.

Details of these mighty battles yet have to be written. The general fact that there has been fearful slaughter and intense suffering from the cold comprises about the total of the information received.

The Germans claim they are pursuing the Russians south and southeast of Lodz.

Several American correspondents were with the Russian army when the battle broke, but nothing has been heard from them for several days. Evidently they are under the hand of a strict censorship.

British military experts insist that three-quarters of the best material of the German army has been held in the western theatre of the war throughout the campaign and that troops opposing the Russians consist principally of second line organizations.

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## COW THIEF ARRESTED FOR HIS CRIME

On Monday night the milk cow of Mr. R. L. Cotten, who resides on East Eighth street, was stolen from his yard. Next morning Mr. Cotten, when he went to milk his cow, as is his usual custom, lo and behold she was missing. After searching diligently she was found at Washington Heights, minus her hide, but the carcass was intact. Coming back to town Mr. Cotten found the hide in the possession of Mr. Richard Hudson, who had purchased it from a negro by the name of Staton. Mr. Cotten identified the hide by the marks.

Staton was arrested and will have a hearing before the Recorder this afternoon. The cow was prized highly by Mr. Cotten. Her capacity was three gallons of milk per day.

## INTERSTATE FAIR AND BABIES' HEALTH CONTESTS

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 9.—A list of books on "babies' health," and other novel features and devices tending to rear a more sturdy younger generation for the benefit of posterity form an important feature of the economic division of the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs at the Interstate fair which opened here today. City and country babies in the many contests are so classified. The prizes in each class will be the expenses of mother and baby to the State baby health contests at Columbia in January.

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## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAD A GREAT MEETING

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held last evening in their rooms in the Baugham building on West Main street. The meeting was presided over by the president, Mr. George Hackney, Jr.

The feature of the occasion was the presence of Mr. B. E. Rice, land and industrial agent of the Norfolk Southern Railway. His remarks made to the chamber were interesting and profitable. He stated with emphasis that his company was not asking for any contributions from the city of Washington nor Beaufort county, but it was the desire of the Norfolk Southern that a meeting of the citizens, members of the Chamber of Commerce, manufacturers, bankers, etc., be called at a date most convenient for the purpose of discussing the greater development

of this section of Eastern Carolina. This proposed meeting is primarily for the purpose of getting together on the great subject of diversified farming.

After the admirable address of Mr. Rice, which was thoroughly enjoyed, the chamber decided upon Thursday, January 7, 1915, for this coming and get-together meeting. It will in all probability be held in the Elks' Hall.

Delegates were named to the annual meeting of the U. S. A. Chamber of Commerce, which is to be held in Washington, D. C., in February next. Those appointed were President George Hackney, Jr., M. T. Archbell and George T. Leach.

While not many of the members were present the meeting was one of the most satisfactory held in some time.

## J. B. PEED FAMILY MOVE TO THE CITY

Mrs. W. B. Burgess, who has been running the Latham House at the corner of Second and Harvey streets, has moved to her home on East Third street, and she is succeeded by Mr. J. B. Peed in the management. Mr. Peed and family took charge of the hotel yesterday, moving from the country where he has resided for the past several years.

## RIVERS AND HAR- BORS CONVENTION

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—The national Rivers and Harbors Convention assembled here today for a three days' session. President Wilson has been asked to address the delegates. Many of the representative delegations that have been sent here to influence legislation are on hand to further the interests of their particular local waterways or harbors. Among these is a deeper Hudson delegation from the headwaters of the Hudson, the Baltimore Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, representatives of many cities on the Ohio, Missouri and Mississippi Rivers, as well as every other part of the country. Each delegation seeks to have larger appropriations for their particular district, and if the whole were allowed they would deplete the United States Treasury.

## FOR POSTMASTER.

To the Democratic Voters that are patrons of Washington Postoffice: The primary to be held on December 14th (Monday) for the purpose of selecting a Postmaster for Washington will be a preferential primary. Every voter will vote for a first and second choice. That is, to make his vote valid he will vote for two of the candidates that appear on the ballot. If all of my friends will do me the favor to go to the polls on the above date and support me, I will be more than grateful. In event that you have obligated yourself to vote for some other friend as your first choice, I will be glad to have you vote for me for second choice. The election will be held in Washington, at the City Hall and all the voters will vote in one box. The polls will open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 7 p. m.

This election does not require registration. If you are served by city carrier or rural carrier or directly from the office and a Democrat you have the right to vote. It has not been my pleasure to see all of my friends in the country, but I will be more than grateful if you will do me the kindness to come to Washington and ask our friends to come and vote for me.

Respectfully,  
F. S. WORTHY.  
12-7-t.c.

## NEW OFFICER SAT ON BENCH YESTERDAY

Recorder W. L. Vaughan tried his first cases at the City Hall yesterday afternoon. He was congratulated by the bystanders as to his demeanor on the bench. He will prove a worthy successor to Recorder W. B. Windley, who retired in order to become sheriff of the county. The new recorder seemed to be perfectly at home and too his efficient clerk, Mr. Elbert Weston. The selection of Mr. Vaughan as recorder was a wise and judicious one and the re-election of Mr. Elbert Weston is worthy.

## BIDS FAIR TO BE A GREAT ATTRACTION

Rehearsals for "The Girl Who Dared" are being held daily at the armory and progressing rapidly, and in a very satisfactory way. The characters have been carefully selected as to their musical and dramatic ability, and the best talent to be found in Washington will be seen in the principal roles, and the choruses are made up of pretty, attractive, graceful young girls, and versatile young men. "The Girl Who Dared" is sure to be the decided "hit" of the season at the New Theatre.

## AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 9.—The interstate Agricultural and Industrial Congress opened here today for a four days' exhibition upon a more elaborate scale than ever heretofore held. Prominent agricultural experts of the United States government and of Missouri and other States will have charge of special subjects, everything being specialized. There are up-to-date exhibits of conveniences for the home and farm machinery. Live animals will be used in the livestock lectures. Experts are testing the producing qualities of the feed for dairy cows in a two weeks' try-out. There will be the lighter side in the boys' corn-busking contest for which liberal prizes will be given. The girls will have contests in home economics. The exhibits of farm machinery, products of the field, orchards, dairy products and the home economics department excel in attractiveness anything of the kind ever before seen in this State.

The Italian government uses American machinery to manufacture shoes for its soldiers.

## ASKS SUPPORT PATRONS OF POST OFFICE

To the Democratic Patrons of Washington Postoffice:

As the time is near at hand for the primary at which a nominee for appointment as Postmaster will be selected, I want to ask the support of every patron of said office who is qualified to vote to attend this primary and give me their first choice vote for Postmaster, and those who have committed themselves for first choice I sincerely trust will cast their second choice vote for me.

I shall feel grateful to all who give me either their first or second choice vote.

As it will be impossible for me to see each and every voter in person before the primary I hope to see you on that day.

Please remember that your vote will not count for me if you stay at home.

Very respectfully,  
W. M. SWANNER.

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## MEETS TOMORROW.

The O. Henry Book Club will meet tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock at the residence of Mrs. W. A. Blount on East Second street. A full attendance of the members is desired.

## PRAYER MEETING.

There will be prayer meeting services in all the different churches of the city this evening at the usual hour, to which the general public has a cordial invitation to attend.

## MOVED YESTERDAY.

Mr. M. M. Worthington and family moved to their new residence at the corner of Harvey and Second streets yesterday.

## New Theater

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THE BEST THERE IS  
Every Night  
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## THREE SALES WERE MADE SATURDAY

The Washington and Beaufort Land Company is surely doing a fine business so far as disposing of real estate is concerned.

Last Saturday this enterprising firm disposed of three tracts of land. The Magellus Wallace farm, situated near Pinetown, N. C., was disposed of and lot to the Bonner I. Waters farm.

In addition two plats of the Jack Brown farm, near Old Ford, N. C., was sold.

## INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION

### ASSOCIATION MEETS

Richmond, Va., Dec. 9.—There met here today the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education. For many months information has been sought in all parts of the country for use at this convention and much good will undoubtedly result. The main purpose is to formulate plans for improving the opportunities for training and preparation for the vocations. The committee in charge of this survey include Dr. Leonard P. Ayers, of the Russell Sage foundation, L. W. Hatch, of the department of labor, Albany, Charles H. Yerrill, bureau of labor statistics, Washington; J. A. C. Chandler, superintendent of schools, Richmond; Charles H. Winslow, bureau of labor statistics, Washington; Charles R. Richards, director Cooper Union, New York, and C. A. Prosser, secretary of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education.

## LAYING OF THE RED

ECROSS CORNER-STON  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—One of the important works of the American Red Cross Society at its annual meeting which began here today will be the laying of the corner-stone to the women of the Civil War. President Wilson opened the meeting from the White House in his capacity as president of the organization.

## IN THE CITY.

Mr. Samuel Boyd, of Pinetown, was in the city this morning on business.

If Six Hundred People vote in the Primary for Postmaster, one voting a minute, it will take ten hours for them to vote. Come early and cast your vote for me. Remember the place and time, City Hall, Dec. 14th. N. HENRY MOORE.